

McWatters, Cecil J.

BEFORE ME, RACHEL COLLINS

The new address: Dallas Transit Company

Walter D. Waters

Daisy Collins
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF DALLAS

Other Individuals and Organizations
Involved or Interviewed

BEFORE ME, _____ PATSY COLLINS

a Notary Public in and for said County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared.

Cecil J. McWatters, 2523 Blyth, DA1-2909, Dallas, Texas

Business Address: Dallas Transit Company

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Lucil J. H. Watters

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 22nd DAY OF November A.D. 1963

Patsy Collins
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

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Cecil J. McWatterson, 2523 Blyth, DAL-2602, Dallas, Texas
Business Address: Dallas Transit Company

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McWATERS, Cecil J.

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David D. H. Watson

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Date 11/23/63

CECIL J. MC WATTERS, residence 2523 Blyth, telephone DA 1-2909, furnished the following information:

He is employed as a bus driver for the Dallas Transit Company, and on November 22, 1963, was assigned to the Munger bus, run number 1213. At 12:36 P.M. on that date he left the corner of St. Paul and Elm, proceeding west on Elm Street. He arrived at Field Street at about 12:40 P.M. and from thereon to Commerce and Houston, was delayed for approximately fifteen to twenty minutes due to a traffic jam caused by the Motorcade of President JOHN KENNEDY. While in this traffic jam he heard over a radio in a car sitting next to the bus that the President had been shot. He was at the corner of Poydras and Elm Streets when he heard this radio report.

After turning off Elm onto Houston Street, he proceeded across the Houston Street viaduct to Oak Cliff and then turned south on Marsalis Street. Somewhere after he turned on Marsalis Street he said to a male passenger on the bus, "I wonder where they shot the President?" This man said, "They shot him in the temple."

Thereafter he picked up an old lady at the corner of Vermont and Marsalis and asked her if she had heard that the President had been shot. She told MC WATTERS not to joke about such a matter, and he told her that if she did not believe him to ask the man sitting behind him. She looked at this man, who was the one who had told MC WATTERS that the President had been shot in the temple, and said "Why he's smiling; you're joking!" MC WATTERS glanced back and this young man did have a sort of grin on his face. The man said nothing at this time.

MC WATTERS is unable to state at what point this man got on his bus, but believes it was between the corner of Poydras and Elm and the corner of Commerce and Houston, which is a course of several blocks. He also stated he cannot be sure where this man got off the bus, but that he believes it was south of Saner Avenue in Oak Cliff.

He stated that he cannot recall the description of any of the clothing worn by this man and that as he recalls he was a teen-ager about 5' 8", 155 pounds, medium build, slim faced.

on 11/22/63 at Dallas, Texas File # DL 89-43
by Special Agent BARDWELL D. ODUM and ALFRED C. ELLINGTON (HM) 346 Date dictated 11/23/63

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MC WATTERS stated that he went to the Dallas Police Department on November 22, 1963, and from a lineup picked a man whom he said is the only one in the lineup who resembles the man who had ridden on his bus on November 22, 1963. He stated that this man was LEE OSWALD, but emphasized that he cannot specifically identify him as being on his bus or as being the person who made the remark to the effect that the President was shot in the temple.

He stated that while at the Dallas Police Department on November 22, 1963, he was shown a Dallas Transit Transfer which he identified as having been issued by him on November 22, 1963, on the run which he has described above as being at St. Paul and Elm at 12:36 P.M. He stated that all transfers issued on this run from north to south showed a time of 1 P.M. and that 1 P.M. was shown on the transfer exhibited to him at the Police Department. He further stated that he recognized the mark of his ticket punch on this transfer he examined in the "P.M." box and in the "Lakewood" box. He stated this transfer was dated November 22, 1963.

He stated that he does not know who the woman passenger was that got on at Vermont and Marsalis, that he does not recall ever seeing her before and has no idea as to how to identify her. He stated that she was at least 55 or 60 years of age.

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McWatters, Cecil J.

Oswald was determined to be still on the premises. He was seen by Roy S. Truly, Warehouse Superintendent, and a police officer in a small lunchroom on the second floor. (Exhibit 7) He was not questioned at the time inasmuch as Mr. Truly identified him to the officer as an employee of the building. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Truly accounted for the whereabouts of all of his employees except Oswald and so advised the police.

Identified on Bus

A short time later, Oswald was observed by his former landlady, Mrs. Mary E. Bledsoe, 621 North Marsalis Avenue, boarding a city bus about seven blocks from the scene of the assassination. (Exhibit 1) Mrs. Bledsoe, who was riding on the bus, stated that he appeared to be somewhat nervous. She also noted that Oswald was wearing dirty clothing, a marked change from his usual neat appearance.

Cecil J. McWatters, the driver of the bus, selected Oswald from a police line-up as resembling a passenger who entered his bus on November 22, 1963, in the general vicinity of the assassination. Mr. McWatters was unable to definitely establish the time or place where Oswald boarded the bus but recalled that it was shortly after the assassination. He remembered commenting to this passenger, "I wonder where they shot the President." He said the passenger replied, "They shot him in the temple."

*Commission No. 1
FBI Report*

PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
ON THE
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Members of the Staff

FROM: J. Lee Rankin

J.L.R.

The Commission will hear the testimony of Linnie Mae Randle and Buell Wesley Frazier on Wednesday, March 11, at 9:00 a.m., and Mary Bledsoe, Cecil J. McWatters, and William Wayne Whaley on Thursday, March 12, at 9:00 a.m. Buell Wesley Frazier is the person who transported Oswald back and forth from Irving, Texas, on weekends and Linnie Mae Randle is Frazier's sister. Cecil J. McWatters is the bus driver on whose bus Oswald rode after the assassination; Mary Bledsoe was a bus passenger and is the former landlady of Oswald; and William Wayne Whaley is the cab driver who took Oswald to the 500 block of North Beckley. All members of the staff are requested to give Messrs. Ball and Belin, by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 9, a brief outline of any questions they might wish to have put to any of these witnesses.

McWatters, C.J.

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AIR MAIL

Mr. Cecil J. McWatters
2523 Blyth
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. McWatters:

As you know, this Commission was established by President Johnson on November 29, 1963, to investigate and report upon the facts and circumstances relating to the assassination of our late President, John F. Kennedy, and the subsequent killing of the alleged assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald. Enclosed for your information are copies of Executive Order No. 11130 creating this Commission, Senate Resolution 137 and the Rules of Procedure of this Commission for the taking of testimony.

The Commission would like you to appear before it as a witness on March 12, 1964, at Room 400, VFW Building, 200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast, Washington, D. C. At that time, the Commission would like to take your testimony regarding all of your knowledge pertaining to Lee Harvey Oswald and the assassination of the President. In particular, you will be questioned on your activities and observations while driving a bus on the afternoon of November 22, 1963. The Commission requests that you bring with you all materials, papers and documents in your possession or under your control which for any reason relate to the assassination of the President or to your activities during the early part of the afternoon of November 22, 1963. We would like you to bring

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your punch used for transfers. Of course, we would not expect at any time to deprive you of the custody of the original documents without your consent, but as to some of these documents we may want to make copies.

At this time, we are not precisely certain of the exact hour on March 12 at which your testimony will begin, so we would appreciate your being at the offices of the Commission at 8:30 a.m. on that date.

The Commission is authorized to pay your transportation and living expenses incurred as a result of this appearance before the Commission. If you desire assistance in making these arrangements, please feel free to contact Mr. Forrest V. Sorrels, Chief of the Dallas office of the Secret Service, who is located at Room 800, Reliance Life Building, at 505 Ervay Street, Dallas. His telephone number is Riverside 9-3461, extension 3461.

Please advise Mr. Sorrels as soon as convenient whether or not you will be able to appear before the Commission on the designated day. Thank you for your cooperation in the work of the Commission.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

3 Enclosures

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Commission No. 488c

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J. E. COOK, Foreman, Dallas Transit System Garage, 4127 Elm Street, made available for photographing Bus No. 433 which he stated is the same bus that was Bus 433 for the Dallas Transit Company on November 22, 1963. He described this bus as a White passenger bus equipped with Cummins diesel engine. At the time this bus was photographed by SA ARTHUR E. CARTER on March 10, 1964, the sign on the front of the bus above the windshield was turned to read "30 - Marsalis - Union Sta."

The sign on the right side of the bus was also turned to read "30 Mar Union salis Sta."

Both of these signs are actually on two rolls each and the Union Station portion is in red whereas the Marsalis and the number are in black. A smaller sign in the lower righthand side of the windshield is turned to read "24" which number COOK stated is known as the "train number."

He advised that according to the records of Dallas Transit System these were the signs posted on Bus No. 433 driven by driver CECIL J. McWATTERS on November 22, 1963, when proceeding toward Oak Cliff on Munger Run No. 1213, headed west on Elm Street shortly after 12:36 p.m.

Photographs of the interior and exterior of Bus No. 433 were made by SA ARTHUR E. CARTER.

on 3/10/64 at Dallas, Texas File # DL 100-10461
by Special Agent BARDWELL D. ODUM and
ARTHUR E. CARTER:vm Date dictated 3/10/64

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Mr. F. F. YATES, Division Superintendent, Dallas Transit System, Dallas, Texas, advised that company drivers get the amount of transfer books (50 transfers to a book) they think they will need when they go on duty. The driver tears off the first transfer of each book and writes his badge number on the back of this transfer. He turns in this first transfer to the station office where it is kept as a record for about two months, then destroyed. Transfers are numbered in sequence starting from 1 through 50, then from 51 through 00. Mr. YATES stated that after checking his records, he was unable to find any record of the transfer books issued to Driver CECIL J. MC WATTERS on November 22, 1963. He did produce Transfer No. 4451 which was the first transfer on a book numbered 4451 through 4500. This transfer was the first of a book issued on November 22, 1963, to Driver MC WATTERS and has MC WATTERS' badge No. 195 on the back of it.

According to Mr. YATES, JAMES P. ROUTT, Station Supervisor, had retained this transfer as a souvenir. There is a note on the back of this transfer, "Receipt for the book of transfers from which transfer was issued to Oswald, the accused assig of Pres. John F. Kennedy /s/ J. P. Routt Sta Foreman".

Mr. Yates made the above-described transfer available to the Dallas Office.

He stated he had no other information concerning the other transfer books issued to MC WATTERS on November 22, 1963. Mr. YATES stated that each driver is issued a punch which has a distinctive punch mark. No two punch marks among company drivers are alike and, therefore, each punch mark can be identified as to the driver who used same. The punch mark used by MC WATTERS is as follows:



On 3/10/64 at DALLAS, TEXAS File # DL 100-10461
by SA IVAN D. LEE and SA ROBERT M. BARRETT/les Date dictated 3/10/64

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

March 10, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 6, 1964, which was received over the weekend, advising that the Commission will hear testimony of bus driver Cecil J. McWatters and cab driver William Wayne Whaley on March 12, 1964. Your letter then comments that in view of this you desire certain items of information no later than March 11, 1964.

Our Dallas Office has been instructed to handle the requests contained in your letter and they will be completed as soon as possible. The short time allotted within which to obtain the information desired in your letter may prevent this Bureau from meeting the deadline which you set.

In order for this Bureau to render the complete assistance to the President's Commission which we would like to give, it would be helpful if the requests could be sent to this Bureau in sufficient time to properly handle them. We will extend every effort to carry out your desires and your assistance is requested in giving us as much advance notice as possible.

The foregoing confirms the conversation had with Mr. Howard Willens of your office on March 9, 1964.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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<p><i>I have urged the staff to give the FBI more time, but I have not been very successful.</i></p> <p><i>Duplicated + Distributed 3/12/64</i></p> <p><i>Please circulate. I think the FBI has a real point here.</i></p>											
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J. Edgar Hoover

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McWatters, Cecil J.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On March 12, 1964, the Commission will hear the testimony of bus driver, Cecil J. McWatters, and cab driver, William Wayne Whaley. In connection with this testimony, the Commission would like to receive, not later than March 11, the following documents:

1. The manifest for cab driver William Wayne Whaley for November 22, 1963, which should be in the possession of the city transportation company, 610 South Akard in Dallas. A copy of this was made available by the personnel manager, E. E. Potts, in an interview on November 29 with SA's Henry J. Oliver and Louis M. Kelley. See report of Robert Gemberling, November 30, page 352.
2. Cab driver Whaley was apparently driving cab number 36 according to page 348 of said Gemberling report. We would like a photograph of said cab.
3. Bus driver McWatters is employed by the Dallas Transit Company and, according to an interview on November 22 with SA's Bardwell D. Odum and Alfred C. Ellington (page 346, Gemberling, November 30), was assigned to the Munger bus, run number 1213. We would like to have the bus company provide on a map of Dallas

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the route of said bus. In addition, we would like to have marked the points of transfer from said bus to another bus route with the other bus routes also noted on said map. In addition, we would like one of your agents to interview an appropriate official of the bus company to ascertain whether or not bus transfers are assigned to a particular bus driver according to numerical sequence as shown on the face of the various transfers, and, if so, we would like to have all records pertaining to the transfer numbers assigned to bus driver McWatters on the afternoon of November 22, 1963. In addition, in said interview, we would like to verify whether or not the punches used by the bus drivers for punching transfers are individually distinctive as to punch marks so that a given punch mark can be readily identifiable as belonging to a particular bus driver. Finally, we would like to have a picture of the outside and also two pictures of the inside of the bus McWatters was driving on the afternoon of November 22. One of the inside pictures should be taken from the rear of the bus with the camera aimed toward the front and the second picture should be taken from the front of the bus with the camera aimed toward the rear.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

March 12, 1964

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin: K.P.

Reference is made to your letter dated March 6, 1964, requesting various items relating to the testimony of bus driver Cecil J. McWatters and cab driver William Wayne Whaley, before the President's Commission.

Enclosed per your request are two copies each of the following documents:

1. Results of interview of Mr. V. C. Snider, Schedule Department, Dallas Transit System, dated March 10, 1964, setting out details concerning "Munger Bus Run Number 1213," with details relating to transfer points.
2. Results of interview of Mr. F. F. Yates, Division Superintendent, Dallas Transit System, dated March 10, 1964, including details regarding the issuance of bus transfers and the distinctive punches issued to drivers.
3. Results of interview of Mr. J. E. Cook, Foreman, Dallas Transit System Garage, dated March 10, 1964.
4. Results of interview of Mr. J. T. Hurry, Superintendent of Maintenance, Dallas Transit System, dated March 10, 1964.
5. Results of interview of Mr. C. W. Eltrich, City Transportation Company, dated March 10, 1964.

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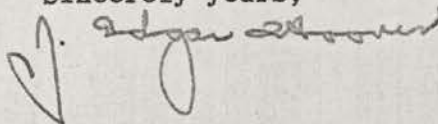
Honorable J. Lee Rankin

6. Bound volume bearing the caption, "Bus and Taxi Exhibits," which contains the following items:

- a. Seven photographic views of Dallas Transit System bus number 433.
- b. Dallas Transit System route map disclosing transfer points.
- c. Transfer slip number 4451.
- d. Seating arrangement for bus number 433.
- e. Four photographic views of City Transportation Company cab number 36.
- f. Driver's manifest dated November 22, 1963, for cab number 36.

The enclosed material complies with the request in your letter dated March 6, 1964.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Edgar Hoover", is written over the typed name. The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Enclosures (12)

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March 13, 1964

MEMORANDUM TO THE STAFF

FROM: Joseph A. Ball

RE: Exhibits - Report of Commission Proceedings,
Vol. 21, March 11, 1964 and Vol. 22, March 12, 1964

The Commission exhibits which were previously marked and used during the questioning of Buell Wesley Frazier, Linnie Mae Randle, Cecil J. McWatters, FBI Agent Cortlandt Cunningham, and William Wayne Whaley are as follows:

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156	Grey trousers	A-14
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372	Sample of punch marks made by McWatters' punch	
373	Diagram of the bus	
375	Photograph of bus - side view	
376	Map of Dallas showing bus route	
377	Commission photostat of affidavit of Cecil J. McWatters	
378	Original bus schedule - Marsalis - Ramona - Elmwood - Munger	
379	Photograph of bus - back to front	
380	Photograph of bus - front to back	
381	Original bus transfer	D-35
381A	Photograph of bus transfer	
382	Original manifest of taxi driver W. W. Whaley	D-149
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MEMORANDUM:

March 16, 1964

TO: Messrs. Bell and Bolin
FROM: Melvin A. Eisenberg

I think the FBI should determine, if it has not already done so, whether the punch of any Dallas bus driver other than McWatters makes a mark identical to that found on Oswald's transfer.

cc: Rankin
Craig
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KEY PERSON

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On March 26, 1964, the President's Commission advised that CECIL J. MC WATERS, a bus driver for the Dallas Transit Company, had testified before the President's Commission on March 12, 1964, and had stated that on November 23, 1963, he identified the number "2" man in a line-up as a man who had been on his bus on November 22, 1963. MC WATERS advised the President's Commission that he was mistaken and that the young man who was the subject of his testimony is a "teen-ager" named MILTON JONES.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

April 8, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter of March 26, 1964, concerning the testimony of Mr. Cecil J. McWatters, a bus driver employed by the Dallas Transit Company.

Enclosed are two copies of a memorandum containing the results of an interview with Mr. Roy Milton Jones who was identified by Mr. McWatters as the individual who rode the bus he was driving on November 22, 1963.

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With the submission of the attached memorandum your request of March 26, 1964, is completed.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Cecil J. McWatters, a bus driver employed by the Dallas Transit Company, testified before the Commission on Thursday, March 12, 1964.

He stated that on November 23, 1963, he had identified a number 2 man in the line-up at the Dallas police station as a man who had been on his bus on November 22, 1963. He now advises us that he was mistaken, that the young man he was thinking of is a "teen-ager" named Milton Jones. Mr. McWatters has seen this boy on the Marsalis bus several times since the date of November 22, 1963. The boy gets off the bus, which goes south on Marsalis, in the vicinity of Brownley. He lives within two blocks of the bus line, attends school half days, and has a part-time job.

The Commission would appreciate your conducting an appropriate investigation to identify and interview the person described by Mr. McWatters.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

cc: Mr. Rankin
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Dallas, Texas

April 3, 1964

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

On March 26, 1964, the President's Commission advised that CECIL J. MC WATTERS, a bus driver for the Dallas Transit Company, had testified before the President's Commission on March 12, 1964, and had stated that on November 23, 1963, he identified the number "2" man in a line-up as a man who had been on his bus on November 22, 1963. MC WATTERS advised the President's Commission that he was mistaken and that the young man who was the subject of his testimony is a "teen-ager" named MILTON JONES.

The President's Commission advised that MC WATTERS had seen this boy on a Marsalis bus several times since the assassination, and informed that this boy allegedly gets off the south-bound bus in the vicinity of Brownlee Street and lives about two blocks from the bus line, attends school half days, and has a part-time job.

On March 30, 1964, ROY MILTON JONES, 512 East Brownlee Street, Dallas, Texas, advised he is an 11th grade student attending half-day sessions at the N. R. Crozier Technical High School, Live Oak and Bryan Streets, Dallas, and is employed part time as a clerk at Buddies Supermarket, 10th and Jefferson Streets, Dallas, Texas. JONES stated that he uses the name MILTON JONES rather than his full name and is better known by this name at school and at work.

He said that on November 22, 1963, he attended the usual morning session of classes at high school and got out of school at about 11:45 AM. He said he walked to Elm Street near the Capri Theatre, where he waited for the Marsalis bus, which arrived at approximately 12:10 or 12:15 PM. He said that, upon boarding the bus, he sat in the first seat facing forward on the curb side of the bus and was alone. He recognized the driver by sight as one who frequently drove the bus at this time of day, but stated he

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did not know him by name. JONES advised that the bus proceeded in the direction of Houston Street and, approximately four blocks before Houston Street, was completely stopped by traffic which was backed up in this area. He recalled that at this time a policeman notified the driver the President had been shot and he told the driver no one was to leave the bus until police officers had talked to each passenger. JONES estimated that there were about fifteen people on the bus at this time and two police officers boarded the bus and checked each passenger to see if any were carrying firearms.

JONES advised that before the bus was stopped the driver made his last passenger pickup approximately six blocks before Houston Street, that one was a blonde-haired woman and the other was a dark-haired man. He said the man sat in the seat directly behind him and the woman occupied the seat further to the rear of the bus. JONES advised that when the bus was stopped by traffic, and prior to the appearance of the police officers, the woman left the bus by the rear door and the man who was sitting behind him left the bus by the front door while it was held up in the middle of the block. JONES stated he did not observe this man closely since he sat behind him in the bus, but, on the following Monday when he caught the same bus going home from school with the same driver, the driver told him he thought this man might have been LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

JONES said that after the driver mentioned this, and from his recollection of OSWALD's picture as it appeared on television and in the newspapers, he thought it was possible it could have been OSWALD. He emphasized, however, that he did not have a good view of this man at any time and could not positively identify him as being identical with LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He said he was inclined to think it might have been OSWALD only because the bus driver told him so.

With regard to this man who sat behind him, JONES stated he did not notice anything unusual about the man when he boarded

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the bus or when he left it. He said the man was not carrying any packages and he certainly did not see a gun in his possession at any time. He said the man did not seem to appear nervous or excited and seemed to him to be an ordinary passenger.

He described this man as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	30-35
Height:	5'11"
Weight:	150
Build:	Medium
Remarks:	Wore no glasses and no hat
Hair:	Dark brown, receding at temples
Dress:	Light blue jacket and gray khaki trousers

He said he did not notice the shirt or shoes this man was wearing.

JONES stated the blonde woman who boarded the bus at the same time was definitely not traveling with this man, and that she occupied a separate seat, although they both left the bus at the same time.

JONES stated that subsequent to the shooting of the President they had seen photographs of LEE HARVEY OSWALD's wife in the newspapers, and he is positive this woman was not Mrs. OSWALD.

JONES estimated the bus was held up by the police officers for about one hour and, after they were permitted to resume, they crossed the Marialis Bridge, where a woman, about forty to forty-five years of age, boarded the bus. She sat in the side seat immediately in front of him near the door and the bus driver asked her whether she had heard that the President had been shot. She replied that she had not heard anything in this regard, and stated

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she did not believe it was true. The driver then pointed to JONES and said, "Ask him, he saw it." JONES said the driver was smiling at this time and the woman turned to him and he told her, "I don't know anything about it. I just heard some others say that the President had been shot." He said that because of the expression on the woman's face both he and the driver were smiling at the time, and she then said, "You are both smiling, so I don't believe it."

JONES advised he could not recall any conversation between the bus driver and himself or any other person on the bus about the President being shot in the temple. He said he did not hear any person make this remark on the bus. JONES advised he believes he left this bus at Brownlee and Marsalis Streets at about 1:45 PM and went straight home. He said that, in conversation with this same bus driver on the following Monday, the driver told him the Dallas Police Department had him up until one o'clock on Saturday or Sunday morning questioning him about the passenger on his bus who looked like LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

JONES advised he is 17 years old, born December 21, 1946, at Dallas, Texas, is a white male, 5'2", 145 pounds, dark-brown hair, and brown eyes.

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